30th November, 1918

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

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Sale of Work and Garden Fete

The Sale will be opened on Saturday, 14th December, at 4 P.M., by Her Excellency Lady Pentland, President of the Woman's Guild. Gifts may be sent to the following Stall-holders direct :—

Plain and Fancy Needle-work ...	... Mrs. Innes and Assistants
Jams and Pickles	... Miss Graham and Assistants
Curios, Books, etc.	... Miss Forbes and Assistants
Tea and Coffee in bulk	... Mrs. Todhunter, Mrs. Madeley and Assistants
School Girls' Embroidery work ...	... Miss Bain and Assistants
Sweets Stall (also Cigars temporarily)...	... Mrs. O'Brien and Assistants
Toy Stall	... Miss Cardew and Assistants
Flowers and Fruit Stall (also plants, etc.)	... Mrs. Crichton and Assistants
Hospital Comforts	... Miss Rowe and Assistants
Tea Room	... Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell and Assistants
Bran Pie	... Mrs. Leck and Assistants

Jams, Jellies and Pickles can be procured now from Miss Graham, 7, Orme's Road. Empty jars and bottles would be especially acceptable, as these are most scarce. Fruit to make into jam would also be appreciated.

Tea can also be had now from Mrs. Madeley, 1, College Road, Nungambaukam.

Church Notes

Coming Events

Dec. 1st.–Scottish National Service, 6 P.M.
,, 4th.–Scottish Concert, Museum Theatre, 6-15 P.M.
,, 11th.–Free School Demonstration.
,, 14th.–Sale of Work and Garden Fete.

Communion.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the close of morning Service on 10th November, when thirty-five were present. There will be Communion after the evening Service on 5th January, 1919, that day being the first Sunday of the quarter. The first Communion of the year always seems a specially appropriate time for the making or renewal of Christian profession, and the Chaplain will be glad to hear from any who wish to connect themselves with the congregation at this time.

Dorcas Society.—The half-yearly distribution will take place in the School Room on Tuesday, 10th December.

Free School.—The following very interesting account has been received :—(1) On Wednesday, November 6th, our First Assistant Mistress, Miss Burgess (now Mrs. Henricus) was married in the Kirk. She is continuing her work up to the closing for the Christmas holidays. We are very sorry indeed to lose the services of Mrs. Henricus, but our good wishes follow her to her new home and our sincere thanks are rendered to her for her hard work and painstaking efforts on behalf of our School.

(2) On Wednesday, 13th November, the School was given a holiday to celebrate Germany's surrender. After attending service in the Kirk forty-six children of our school, together with their usual daily meal, were treated to oranges, buns, sweets and coffee. Some of the supporters and friends of the school came across to the school-room and saw the children partake of their treat. Our thanks are due to these kind friends for their interest in the school.

(3) On Thursday, November 14th, Captain Guthrie very kindly invited the children of our school to a performance of Don Merle's which he had arranged for them and the children of Christ Church School. A very pleasant afternoon was passed in the Parish Hall of Christ Church, the children being much pleased with the tricks they saw performed. The entertainment closed with three hearty cheers for Peace and for the King-Emperor.

(4) It is proposed to close the school for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, December 11th, and the Annual Demonstration and Prize-giving will take place the same evening.

[In view of the increased interest shown in the Demonstration last year, details will be circulated later—D. H. G.]

Woman's Guild.—A meeting was held on 21st November, and after the reading of the minutes, the Guild went into Committee with other Stall-holders of the Sale of Work, present by invitation.

Sale of Work and Garden Fete.—Mr. Miller, of Messrs. Wrenn, Bennett & Co., has kindly made arrrangements for putting up the wood-work fittings of the Stalls on Thursday, 12th December, so as to leave the school free for stall-holders on the 13th. Reports of encouraging sales and contributions have come in from various stalls, and one enthusiastic stall-holder prophesies "a huge success." We hope her prophecy will be fulfilled, and to help its accomplishment we may point out that it is a real advantage to sell various commodities—such as tea, for instance—beforehand. A meeting of stall-holders will be held on 5th December in conjunction with the ordinary meeting of the Woman's Guild.

Christmas and New Year.—The festive season will soon be upon us, and every one will wish to make this year's Christmas as bright as it can be made. The special dates of the holiday season will be announced later, but this opportunity is taken of recalling to those who can supply them the great charm of evergreens and flowers in Christmas decoration. Any sent to the Church Clerk will be gratefully acknowledged.

Cessation of Hostilities.—Much of the exuberance that would have been the natural outcome of the official announcement, "Germany Surrenders : God save the King!" was damped by the inclemency of the weather, and our efforts at illuminating the front of the church were doomed to disappointment. But if it was dark without, it was light within on the occasion of the thanksgiving services in the forenoon on Wednesday, 13th November, and in the evening on Sunday, 17th November. The following accounts are from the *Madras Mail* of 14th and 18th November :—

St. Andrew's Church, Egmore.—At St. Andrew's Church, Egmore, there was a good congregation. The service began with the singing of the metrical version of Psalm 124, associated with historical Scottish Services. The call to prayer was from Psalms 92 : i; and 145 : iii. "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High." The Scripture Lessons were from II Kings xiii : verses 14 to 25 and Philippians iv : verses 1 to 8. The Praise List included the Te Deum and the hymns "Now thank we all our God", "O God of Love, O King of Peace", and "Jesus shall Reign". The Offertory was for the feeding of the poor of the city, as arranged. The National Anthem was sung at the close of the service. Speaking from the words (II Kings xiii : 17) "The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria," the Chaplain said two feelings were to-day present in all hearts. One was the feeling of relief, the "arrow of deliverance" from our Syria and the pressing menaces of the past four years. The other was the feeling of responsibility for the

future. The Premier had given us a lead in this matter the other day when he said:— "We have had four years of great brotherhood. The British Empire never stood higher in the Councils of the world than it does to-day. But our task will only begin when peace is signed. The next four years are charged with the fate of Great Britain and her Empire, and I appeal solemnly in this first hour. Let us banish faction until the Empire has been thoroughly saved. Let us suppress sectional prejudices, let us resolve to be loyal to the land we love first and last, to the land whose efforts on sea, on land, and in the air have done so much to redeem the world from the danger menacing its liberties." The supreme qualification for the problems of the future was character, and the share of the individual in the coming of "the arrow of the Lord's deliverance" would be fulfilled by all who laid to heart the apostolic junction (Philippians iv: 8,) "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

The congregation at the thanksgiving service on Sunday evening, though not so large as on Wednesday, was still considerable and was representative. As at many recent services, the metrical version of the Hundredth Psalm (All people that on earth) and the hymn, "Oh God our Help," formed part of the praise list. The Scripture lessons were I Samuel vii: 1—12, which contains the familiar allusion, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and Romans v: 1—8. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Gillan, the Chaplain, from the text (Psalm cxxiv: 8: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth." He said:—

Throughout India to-day there have been Thanksgiving Services on the conclusion of the armistice and the prospects of a victorius peace. It is appropriate that it should be so. Matthew Arnold used to write of the Unseen Power, not ourselves, that makes for righteousness; and as we reflect upon the last four years and-a-half the conviction deepens that it is to that power we owe our position to-day. We do well to give thanks to God, Who hath given us the victory; our help has been in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

The Sunday School.—The recent severe epidemic of Influenza combined with the very wet weather has adversely affected the attendance of children of late, with the result that one Sunday our numbers reached the record minimum in the history of the school. However, last Sunday there was a considerable improvement, and as Christmas approaches we have no doubt that our number will soon be up to normal. We still suffer very badly from a famine in teachers! The school will be closed for the Christmas holidays on Sundays, December 22nd, 29th and January 5th. The Annual Treat will be held on Friday, January 3rd, 1919.

Scottish National Service.—The Annual Scottish National Service will be held on 1st December at 6 p. m. The Rev. W. Meston, B. D., Madras Christian College, is to be the Preacher and the Special Collection, as on the last two occasions, will be for the Scottish Women's Hospitals. It will be realized by readers in the *Supplement* of Mrs. Abbott's interesting account of the development of the work of these hospitals that several of their activities will require support for a considerable time after the cessation of hostilities, and it is hoped that the collection will again provide the equivalent of the sum required for one bed (£50).

"'Tis not enough to help the feeble up,
But to support him after."

Scottish Concert.—A *Fort St. George Gazette* Extraordinary of 25th November contained the following:—"A general mourning from this date to the 1st of December, 1918, inclusive, is requested by Government as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Gillman". Apart from general considerations there is a certain melancholy appropriateness in our paying a grateful tribute to this memory, for it was through Mr. Gillman's kindness that we obtained the services of the Band of the Madras Guards at special rates for our Sale of Work last year, and the Scottish Concert has been postponed from 30th November to 4th December. Fortunately the Museum Theatre is again available and all the performers are able to come on the latter date. It is therefore hoped that the Concert will be as successful as if there had been no postponement. Tickets already taken are available—or returnable, if desired—and those who have books of tickets to sell are requested to inform purchasers of the change of date.

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Baptism

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

3rd November, 1918.—Alexander Macpherson, son of William and Isabella Fyfe.

Marriage

"What God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

6th November, 1918.—Alfred William Henricus to Wilhelmina Muriel Maud Burgess.

Burials

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

4th November, 1918.—Joseph D'Cruz, 54 years. St. Andrew's Cemetery.
14th November, 1918.—C. Manuel, 72 years } Kilpauk General Cemetery.
21st November, 1918.—William Albert Sweetlaw, 65 years } Kilpauk General Cemetery.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for October, 1918

Receipts	Amount Rs.	A.	P.	Disbursements	Amount Rs.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Women's Mission Church of Scotland, thro' Miss Forbes...	254	15	8
" Seat Rents	114	0	0	" Horticultural Society (clearing compound)	33	2	0
" Church Collections	156	7	0	" Church Choir for Sept., 1918 ...	157	0	0
" Organ Practice	15	0	0	" " Estabt. " " ...	176	0	0
" Grazing (September)	12	0	0	" " Servants' War batta for September, 1918.	10	0	0
" Refunds	10	0	0	" Organ Blowers	8	0	0
" Govt. refund School account (Food and Clothing) ...	800	0	0	" M. P. House Printing Bills Nos. 337 and 391	16	4	0
				" M. E. S. Co. Current for Sept.'18	10	12	0
				" Communion Elements ...	3	10	0
				" Electric bulbs (Siemens) ...	7	0	0
				" Postage and petty cash ...	4	7	6
					681	3	2
				Balance Cr. this Account ...	535	3	10
Total ...	1,216	7	0	Total ...	1,216	7	0

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for October, 1918

Receipts	Amount Rs.	A.	P.	Disbursements	Amount Rs.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	15	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	195	0	0
" Refund	10	0	0	" Food Account	62	1	0
" Government Grant (Food and Clothing)	800	0	0	" Advertisements	10	14	6
" Cash	248	1	0	" Refund to Kirk Session a/c. ...	800	0	0
				" Miscellaneous necessaries ...	5	1	6
Total ...	1,073	1	0	Total ...	1,073	1	0

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